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SURPLUS IN- DIAN LANDS

Senator Long Introduces Amendment for The Sale of Surplus Lands

Washington, D.C. Jan. 18.—The removal of restrictions upon the sale of allotments in Indian Territory is proposed in an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill offered in the senate today by Senator Long.

The Kansas senator is a member of the select committee that visited Indian Territory last fall and the amendment embodies the recommendations of that committee regarding the opening of the Indian lands for sale, it reads:

"On and after July 1, 1907, all the restrictions upon the alienation, leasing or encumbering of the lands except homesteads of all allottees of Indian blood, except minors of either of the five tribes, and all restrictions upon the alienation of all lands of the allottees not of Indian blood, are hereby removed."

The amendment was offered as a substitute for the provision of the bill adopted by the house. This provision appropriates \$25,000 to enable the secretary of the Interior to pay the expense of passing upon the applications of allottees for the removal of the restrictions. It is believed that the members of the Indian committee will vote unanimously to report the amendment and that the senate will adopt it.

Chickasha's Model(?)

Passenger Depot

The depots on the Rock Island rail road throughout this section of the country are a disgrace to civilization. The writer has shivered around most of them, the prize for dirt and general coldness, however, belong to the depot at Chickasha. The passenger traffic at Chickasha is enormous. There are absolutely no accommodations nor common conveniences for the hundreds of ladies and children, forced to endure the undescribably filthy waiting room generally for many hours. No information is to be had, while the passenger trains are departing themselves in a vain endeavor to pass on the same track usually being reduced thereby to a heap of wreckage in the ditch, the passengers are kept in ignorance as to the real state of affairs. Well might it be said to the poor cuss dumped off at the Rock Island depot in Chickasha, "Leave all hope behind."

Council-Fire-Theatre

The Democrat man attended a part of the council meeting and the Billingsley fire, and so witnessed only three homicides at the McAninch Theatre last night. His goose-flesh riz only ten or twelve times, and the adequate write-up of the play which it had been planned to give, is therefore impossible. However, Gabe Leon, the villain, gritted his teeth and said, "Curse you, Black Donald!!!" at the right place; and while the laughter of Old Hurricane was at times a hollow mockery, the part of Capitola was well and charmingly played. We judge from the hearty expressions we overheard on the way home, that those that got all the thrills the play provides, are satisfied that they have their money's worth and something to spare.

LETTER FROM IDAHO.

BY L. B. DUKE.

(Cont from Monday.)
While standing there gazing, my attention was attracted by a flapping noise in the treetops. I looked up and saw some birds lighting in the trees, as large or larger than your leghorn chickens you have there. Well boys, the fun came and everything else forgotten. I raised my target and fired, missed my grouse, as they proved to be. I only had four shots with me, I fired again, down come a grouse and missed the other two shots. Then I started down the mountain in a long trot for my shotgun, I met the wagon and got it, started back up the mountain in a trot, Mr. L. with me with his shotgun. This was good luck for we had been on the road three days and no fresh meat. I got five of those birds and Mr. L. two.

We camped on top of the mountain where we found plenty of water. We slept good that night as the air was cool and pleasant. Next morning after we had eat our fill of grouse, we picked up our shotguns and started out to hunt some more and we sure found them. We killed nine of them and went back to camp.

While we were gone the women were shooting squirrels with their targets, it was sure sport for them. The pine squirrel, as they are called, is too small to dress. We helped the women dress the birds, harnessed the wagon and drove on. That night we camped again, next morning everything was covered with frost. There is where I seen the tallest timber I ever saw. A tree 12 inches in diameter would look to be 150 feet high.

Well, we harnessed up our wagon and drove on. Say, I had a dream that night, I dreamed of silver dollars. The next morning our horses taken fright, scampered off the road they had come. I put in after them in a long trot over taken them in about two miles in my trot I found a purse with \$2.10 in it. So I called it even and sawed off. We drove to Long Valley that day. Where we were going to fish and hunt. We inquired of a rancher about the law concerning fishing and hunting he said it was alright to just help ourselves, he also told us where to find good camping ground, also, good grazing for our teams so we were soon in camp, we made everything ready for a hunt. Well, we sure went hunting. We climbed the mountains till after noon I told Mr. L. we would not find any game that day although we could see lots of deer and bear tracks so we went to camp eat our dinner went fishing. Say fish is not very good in these parts have to wait too long for one to bite. Say, I was dead bent on a bear or a deer so was Mr. L., we ate our breakfast before daylight started to climb the mountain by the time we could see, we had only got to the first point of the mountain there I spied a large doe, I said to Mr. L. look there, I throwed my gun to my face and fired. Mr. L. did not see the deer till it was falling to the ground lifeless. Say don't you know we had deer meat, we needed a change for we had ate chickah till the whole push had fowl stomachs, we were not satisfied yet we hung our deer up in a pine sapling and moved on up the mountain. After going a long two miles Mr. L. and I separated for a short distance. When I came up with Mr. L. again it would of tickled a dog to of seen him he had spied three deer about 200 yds away. He was slipping and crawling to get a good shot I had slipped up close

PUTS DAMPER ON HUMANITARIAN ACT

Jamaican Governor Asks American Officer To "Skiddo" With His Men and Ships—Admiral Gets Merciless Snub

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 19.—Rear Admiral Davis' mission of mercy to stricken Kingston came to an abrupt and painful conclusion today in consequence of Governor Sweetenham's objection to the presence of American sailors engaged in the work of clearing the streets, guarding property and succoring the wounded and sick, culminated in a letter to Admiral Davis, peremptorily requesting him to embark all parties which had been landed. Admiral Davis was greatly shocked and pained, and paid a formal visit to Governor Sweetenham today, informing him that the United States battleships Missouri and Indiana and the gunboat Yankton would sail this afternoon.

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The city had nine persons in the lock-up last night accumulated since Saturday. Of these two were women, one white, and the bunch were evidently holding a lively session while the city dads had their meeting up stairs. Songs and laughter punctuated with an occasional bang as a frolicsome prisoner would be thrown up against the side of the cell showed that their spirits were not effected by their surroundings. Is it not the Holy Writ which tell us that a contented spirit is better than great riches?

Probate Court

The case of Territory of Oklahoma against Charles Haroni, charged with trespassing, dismissed on motion of County Attorney.

Case against J. J. Cox, T. B. McGrady and Walker of Cement, charged with publishing a libel against W. O. Martin. The Territory being represented by Pruett and Morgan, the defense by A. J. Morris. After evidence had been introduced, it was demurred to by defendant, and demurrer sustained, cause dismissed and parties released.

Police Court

In the police court this morning there were 2 plain drunks, one disturbance, 2 vags, all convicted and sent to the rock pile to serve from 10 to 30 days. The police are doing their best to rid the town of undesirable characters.

Last Night's Fire

The fire in the Billingsley brick last evening gave the one hook and ladder company a busy time while it lasted. The mayor adjourned the council meeting temporarily and the churches and the McAninch theater gave up their crowds. When the Democrats man arrived on the scene, the last of Mr. Schramm's furniture was being wrecked by well-meaning and half-crazy rescuers—we hope that he will find enough pieces to make a wood box with.

The fire started upstairs in the back room, presumably from an electric light wire, and was burning fiercely in the lower back rooms. When the water was turned on, it was extinguished almost immediately, with a loss to the owner of about \$350.

The practice of well meaning helpers wrecking and ruining household goods in a mad effort to save them is foolish and strongly to be condemned. We take it that a householder would actually prefer to see his furniture burn, as he might get something from the insurance company, than to find himself the possessor only of a lot of worthless junk in the street, into which shape his furniture has been yanked. If furniture and household goods are worth saving, it is surely foolishness to be otherwise than careful in doing it, and if people show the least presence of mind where they need it most, they ought to be controlled like any other maniacs. The dwellers in the Billingsley house have our sympathy, and as they look over their ruined goods this morning, they may well say, "Heaven save us from our friends!"

President Scott On

Township Schools

President Scott, of the Stillwater A. and M. college, addressed the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture last week in the interest of the township school. He regards the district school system as a failure because a teacher cannot give her pupils in a school of that kind more than ten to fifteen minutes in any class, having from twenty-five to thirty-five recitation to hear every day. She is compelled to maintain order while hearing classes on all conceivable subjects, and the days work requires such a scattered and fragmentary concentrating of the teacher's mind as to be unsatisfactory to herself and of doubtful benefit to the pupil. On the other hand, the district school results from actual conditions of country living, and while the township school would assemble the teaching strength so as to permit satisfactory grading and better instruction, many parents would be unable to send their children at a considerable distance from home. When the mountain clearly showed itself unable to visit Mohamet in his home, the only thing Mohamet could do was to call at the residence of the mountain. It is probable that our efficient county superintendent could give us facts and figures on this question that is of interest to every father and mother in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Teis will entertain this evening at six o'clock dinner former students of Park College who are in town. The guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Mitchell, of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kunkle, Misses Florence Miller, Jean Sempleton and Mr. J. A. McManus.

Last Sad Rites

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Ed Bitsche were held at the Catholic church at 10 o'clock this morning; and were conducted by Father Isadore Richier, of St. Patrick's Mission. The services were very impressive, all who were present being greatly effected as this death was a particularly sad one. Mrs. Bitsche had lived among us since the early days of Anadarko, and was respected and loved by all who knew her. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the husband who is bereft of a companion, and to the children, who by the death of this loving, patient woman, a void is created in the home and in the hearts of her family which can never be filled.

Deceased was born in Bettinigen Germany, February 10, 1855 and died at her home near Anadarko Sunday at one o'clock Jan. 20, 1907, after illness of a week of dimetis. She was a model wife and mother and led an exemplary christian life, the remembrance of which is precious to those who are left to mourn her loss. A husband, two daughters, and four sons were at her bedside when her spirit passed into the great beyond. The remains were followed to their last resting place in the city cemetery by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors. The Democrat joins the entire community in an offering of heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family in this their time of sorrow.

Council Proceedings

The city council met last night in regular session, Mayor Scott presiding and all members present. After allowing claims of L. M. Spivey, the Anadarko Democrat, Anadarko Tribune, McKnight & McKnight, for insurance, and Jack Lindsay, for cash paid out, the council considered a petition signed by the business men of the city to enact an ordinance to cut out the fakirs, street peddlers, and tin horn thimble riggers who claim a large share of attention from the public on Saturdays. The business men take the natural view that these gentry take a great deal of money from the legitimate trade in the course of a year, and that the taxpayers are entitled to a fair deal. The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance levying a prohibition license on the curb-seller, which gives these gentry the alternative of renting houses or quitting business.

A communication from Lee Wallis that the interest on the city water and light bonds amounting to \$300 be made, was favorably considered and a warrant ordered drawn. The treasurer was instructed to forward this money at once.

The purchasing committee reported repairs for the pump in the city water system have been ordered, at a cost of \$350.

The council then took up the matter of sidewalks. The sidewalks of the Campbell residence and adjoining lots in block 34 were ordered placed on grade and sidewalks were condemned on lots 8 to 16 inclusive in block 36, and lots 4 to 29 in block 27.

The Connelly Construction Company then presented a proposed ordinance providing how sidewalks should be constructed. At this point, the alarm of fire caused an adjournment of the meeting.

Shaw's second hand furniture store on "C" street buys all furniture in good repair. 21td.

ADDITION TO Anadarko For Sale.

On February 13, 1907, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, through the United States Indian Agent, at Anadarko, Okla.,

The E½ of NE¼, Sec. 21, Twp 7, N, Range 10, N.
Bids to be opened at the Agency at 2:00 P. M.

This land adjoins the townsite of Anadarko on the south; an ideal addition to the townsite for residence lots.

Sold Under Special Act of Congress

The only land adjoining the town of Anadarko available for townsite purposes. A proposition worth investigating. For information call on or Address, J. P. BLACKMON, U. S. Indian Agt., Anadarko, Okla., or

OTTO WELLS, Allottee,

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